1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30.	Delhi	0.07	0.40	11.42	9.42	11.49	8.23
31.	Lakshadweep	0.03	9.38	0.08	20.27	0.11	15.60
32.	Pondicherry	0.64	20.55	1.77	22.11	2.41	21.67
	All India	1932.43	27.09	670.07	23.62	2602.30	26.10

Notes :

1. Poverty Ratio of Assam is used for Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram Manipur, Nagaland and Tripura.
2. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Goa is used to estimate poverty ratio of Goa.
3. Poverty Line of Himachal Pradesh and expenditure distribution of Jammu and Kashmir is used to estimate poverty ratio of Jammu and Kashmir.
4. Poverty Ratio of Tamil Nadu is used for Pondicherry and A & N Island.
5. Urban Poverty Ratio of Punjab used for both rural and urban poverty of Chandigarh.
6. Poverty Line of Maharashtra and expenditure distribution of Dadra & Nagar Haveli is used to estimate poverty ratio of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
7. Poverty Ratio of Goa is used for Daman & Diu.
8. Poverty Ratio of Kerala is used for Lakshadweep.
9. Urban Poverty Ratio of Rajasthan may be treated as tentative.

Projects Under Development

†2716. SHRIRAMA SHANKERKAUSHIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the projects being run with the assistance from the Central Government and the Central Ministries which are proposed to be discontinued;

(b) whether there is any dispute among the Planning Commission and the officials of various Ministries and Centre with regard to continuance or discontinuance of the projects; and

(c) If so, the reasons therefor and the factual position with regard to each of the projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHPJMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The commitment of Government to subject all Schemes to Zero-based Budgeting before the start of the Tenth

† Original notice of the questions was received in Hindi.

Plan was reiterated in the Full Planning Commission Meeting held on 27th and 29th June. 2001 to discuss the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan.

Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission has requested all Union Ministers to undertake a review of the existing schemes and subject them to Zero-based Budgeting, retaining only those schemes in the Tenth Plan that are demonstrably efficient and essential. In this process many schemes may have to be re-oriented, those that have outlived their utility, may have to be closed and those with similar objectives may have to be merged. It has also been emphasized that there is a need to make the schemes more focused and streamline the delivery system to ensure that benefits reach the target group.

Secretary, Planning Commission, while inviting the proposals for Tenth Five Year Plan and Annual Plan 2002-03 has also emphasized that the Central Ministries/Departments may undertake this exercise while formulating their proposals. The proposals of Central Ministries/Departments will be discussed in the Secretary level meetings scheduled during December 2001 - January 2002.

Funds for Agriculture and Infrastructure

2717. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has declared on the Independence Day address that more funus would be provided for agriculture and infrastructure;

(b) if so. whether any detailed programme in this regard has been formulated;

(c) what are the project on which more funds would be provided;

(d) to what extent it would give a boost to agriculture and also infrastructure activities;

(e) whether the State Governments have also been urged to implement them; and

(0 if s J, whether the Prime Minister has also formulated an action force to monitor these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATIVASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The Approach paper to the Tenth Plan has identified Agriculture development as a core element of the Plan since growth in this sector is likely to